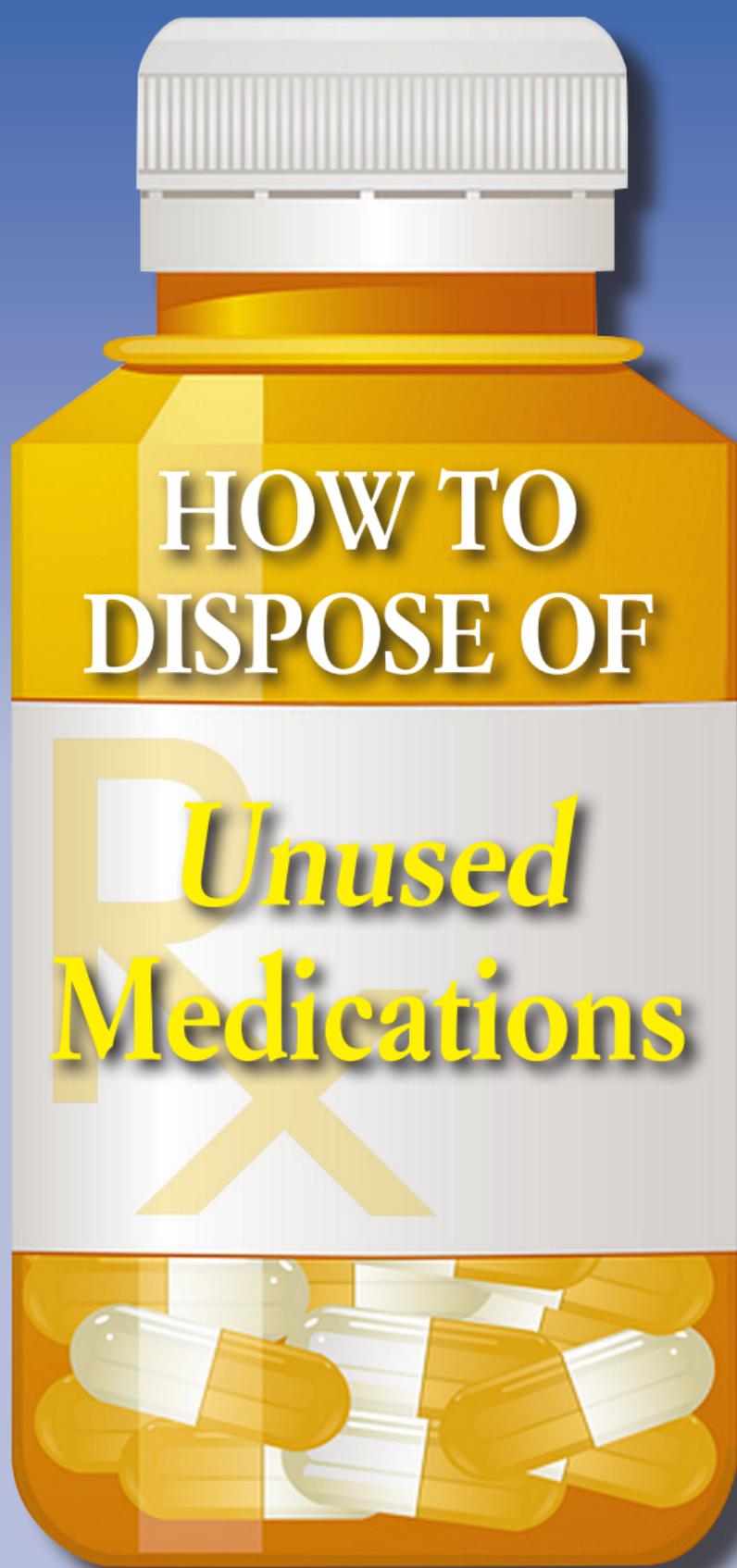


# PROJECT MEDICINE DROP



HOW TO  
DISPOSE OF

*Unused*  
Medications

**The number of  
American teenagers  
and adults who abuse  
prescription drugs is  
greater than those  
who use cocaine,  
hallucinogens, and  
heroin combined.**

*- 2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health*

**If a Project Medicine**

**Drop** location is not available nearby, you can dispose of unused and expired prescription medications by following these tips developed by the F.D.A. and the White House Office of National Drug Policy:

- Follow any specific disposal instructions on the medication's drug label or patient information. If none are provided...
- There is a safe way to dispose of medications in the trash. Take them out of the original containers and mix them with an undesirable substance such as coffee grounds or kitty litter. Then put the mixture in a sealable bag, empty can, or other container to prevent it from leaking.
- Before throwing out a medicine container, scratch out all identifying information on the label to protect your identity and your privacy.
- **DO NOT** give medications to friends. Doctors prescribe drugs based on a person's specific symptoms and medical history. A drug that helps you may harm someone else.
- When in doubt about proper disposal of a drug, talk to your pharmacist.



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